

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the Title of the Specification as follows:

**USE OF SUBSTANTIALLY HYDRATED CEMENT PARTICULATES IN ~~CEMENTING~~
DRILLING AND SUBTERRANEAN APPLICATIONS**

Please amend paragraph [0001] of the Specification as follows:

[0001] The present invention relates to substantially hydrated cement particulates. More particularly, the present invention relates to compositions comprising substantially hydrated cement particulates and associated methods of use in ~~cementing~~ drilling and subterranean applications.

Please amend paragraph [0005] of the Specification as follows:

[0005] The present invention relates to substantially hydrated cement particulates. More particularly, the present invention relates to compositions comprising substantially hydrated cement particulates and associated methods of use in ~~cementing~~ drilling and subterranean applications.

Please amend paragraph [0014] of the Specification as follows:

[0014] The present invention relates to substantially hydrated cement particulates. More particularly, the present invention relates to compositions comprising substantially hydrated cement particulates and associated methods of use in ~~cementing~~ drilling and subterranean applications. While the substantially hydrated cement particulates of the present invention are useful in a variety of applications, they may be particularly useful when included in subterranean treatment fluids and drilling fluids ~~cement compositions~~, inter alia, as carrier particles for admixtures, lost circulation materials, density-varying additives, proppants, and the like.

Please amend the Abstract as follows:

The present invention relates to substantially hydrated cement particulates. More particularly, the present invention relates to compositions comprising substantially hydrated cement particulates and associated methods of use in ~~cementing~~ drilling and subterranean applications. These substantially hydrated cement particulates may be included in ~~cement~~

compositions drilling and subterranean treatment fluids, *inter alia*, as carrier particles for admixtures, lost circulation materials, density-varying additives, proppants, and the like.